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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL CARGO GEAR BUREAU (ICGB) CERTIFICA-
TION PROBLEMS IN SAUDI ARABIA

REF: JIDDA 5740

1. ICGB PRESIDENT, CHARLES VISCOUNTI, GRATEFUL OF EMBASSY'S CONTINUING ASSISTANCE REGARDING CERTIFICATION PROBLEM. ICGB CONTENDS HOWEVER, THAT BECAUSE CIRCULAR 114 HAS NOT BEEN PUBLISHED AS NOTED REFTEL, SAUDI ARABIA COMMERCIAL BANKS ARE NOT AWARE OF THE CHANGE MADE TO THE ORIGINAL CIRCULAR 263. AN EXAMPLE OF THIS REMAINING PROBLEM IS THAT U.S.-FLAG WATERMAN LINE, A TRADITIONAL ICGB CLIENT, CLAIMS TO BE LOSING BUSINESS TO OTHER CARRIERS BECAUSE THE BANKS ARE NOT AWARE OF CIRCULAR 114 AND THUS ARE NOT GRANTING LETTERS OF CREDIT TO SHIPPERS WHO WANT TO SHIP ON WATERMAN BECAUSE WATERMAN USES ICGB FOR CERTIFICATION. WATERMAN'S ONLY POSSIBLE RECOURSE MAY BE TO SWITCH TO ONE
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OF THE CERTIFICATION SOCIETIES LISTED ON THE ORIGINAL CIRCULAR 263, A MOVE WHICH ICGB WANTS TO PREVENT AND WHICH WILL ADD ADDITIONAL COST TO WATERMAN'S OPERATIONS.

2. PROBLEM IS COMPOUNDED BY THE FACT THAT DR. BADR INFORMED ICGB IN A DEC. 5, 1976 CABLE THAT HE WAS QUOTE PREPARED TO ACCEPT CARGO CERTIFICATION FROM YOUR (ICGB)

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SOCIETY AS REQUIRED BY CIRCULAR 263 UNQUOTE. SINCE THEN, HE HAS TOLD ICGB THAT THEIR PROBLEM WAS SOLVED AND NO FURTHER ACTION WAS REQUIRED ON HIS BEHALF. ICGB'S ATTEMPTS TO HAVE BADR ADVISE THE BANKS OF THE THRUST OF THE DEC. 5 CABLE HAVE BEEN TO NO AVAIL.

3. ICGB'S REMAINING PROBLEM IS HOW TO HAVE THE BANKS NOTIFIED THAT ICGB HAS BEEN ADDED TO CIRCULAR 263 AS AN AUTHORIZED CERTIFICATION SOCIETY. ICGB WILLING TO WRITE TO COMMERCIAL BANKS INVOLVED IF THIS WILL SOLVE PROBLEM.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY'S ADVICE. CHRISTOPHER

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